



DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1959

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

To 1st June, 1959.

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Health Department,
Brook House,
Dover.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Dover acting as the Port Health Authority of the Port of Dover.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Port Health Authority for the year 1959.

Over six million tons of shipping entered the port during the year, an increase of over half a million tons on the figure for 1958.

An increase in the number of passengers landed is also recorded and includes an increase in the number of aliens landed and medically examined.

38 cases of infectious or suspected infectious disease involving 32 ships were dealt with on arrival. There were however, no cases of quarantinable disease. Inspection of ships during the year showed that in only one instance were sanitary conditions found prejudicial to health. This was a case of several major defects in a foreign vessel in harbour for emergency repairs following collision. All the defects could not be remedied before the vessel sailed and the owners undertook to remedy these at the earliest opportunity.

Smoke nuisance from vessels was of relatively infrequent occurrence following the issue of warnings in one or two instances for repeated infringement of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations by ships regularly using the harbour.

Imports of various foodstuffs during the year amounted to over 40,000 tons; 60 tons llcwt. were condemned as unfit, the bulk of which was derived from one consignment of potatoes. Irregularities concerning official certificates in respect of imported meat or meat products noted in previous years were not encountered during the year under review.

I have to thank H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and other Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation and assistance at all times throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. F. LYNCH

Medical Officer of Health.

February, 1960.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Nature of Appointment	Remarks
Assistant Port Health Inspector	Mr. E. J. Hacker resigned with effect from 31st December, 1959.

The above change occurred during the year:

Address of Medical Officer of Health

Brook House,
DOVER.

Telephone number:- Dover 2184/7

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	4872	5,858,410	38	66	34
Coastwise	455	231,232	-	68	-
Total	5327	6,089,642	38 *	134	34

* Excluding vessels from cross-channel ports.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	(Number of Passengers	INWARDS	1,235,805
	(Number of Passengers	OUTWARDS	1,222,552
CARGO TRAFFIC	(Principal IMPORTS	General merchandise, wires foodstuffs, coal and timber.	
	(Principal EXPORTS	Cars and general merchandise.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which Ships arrive:		South and West African; South American; European; Iberian; Scandinavian and Baltic.	

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

The River Hospitals,
(Long Reach),
DARTFORD,
KENT.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

Ambulance of Canterbury City Council available on request.

Special ambulance crew provided by the same Authority.

3. Name of smallpox consultant available:

Medical Officer,
The River Hospitals,
(Long Reach),
DARTFORD,
Kent.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis for smallpox:

Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue,
Colindale,
LONDON N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS 1959TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from Foreign Ports	Pneumonia	1	2	3
	Gastro-enteritis (Observation)	2	-	2
	German Measles	1	-	1
	Measles	7	-	6
	Tonsillitis	6	-	6
	Chicken Pox	7	-	3
	Dysentery	1	-	1
	Pyrexia Unknown Origin	2	-	2
	Mumps	1	-	1
	Ac. Impetigo	1	-	1
	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	-	1
	Bubo (Climatic)	-	1	1
	Observation Dysentery	2	-	2
	Observation Influenza	1	-	1
	Hepatitis (Observation)	1	-	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from Foreign Ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Chicken Pox	1	-	1
	Measles	1	-	1
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OFMALARIA IN SHIPS

No cases of malaria occurred in vessels arriving during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPSINFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No measures were necessary during 1959.

In the event of finding plague-infected rats, vessels would be boomed off and fumigation of all compartments carried out with H.C.N.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

Trade of port consists chiefly of cross-channel traffic, vessels of which are subjected to half-yearly routine inspections in connection with the issue of the necessary certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

Additionally, any evidence of the presence of rodents on board occurring in the interval would be immediately reported by the British Railways Authority.

Other vessels entering the port are subjected to routine inspection by the Port Health Inspectors.

Port of Dover approved and designated for the issue of both Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates under Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Although no action was necessary during 1959, any rats found on ships would be sent for necessary examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Maidstone.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

Deratting carried out by contractors, viz. Fumigation Services, Limited, Barking, Essex, using Hydrogen Cyanide gas under direction of Port Health Inspectors.

Minor infestations are dealt with by the Local Authority's Rodent Operator using Warfarin mainly.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

No actual measures requested during 1959. With regard to the cross-channel vessels, rat proofing of store-rooms effectively maintained. Any deficiencies found in these or other vessels would be brought to the attention of masters and owners.

TABLE E
RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN
SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with Plague	-

In one instance only, in a British vessel, rats were reported to have been seen; inspection showed no definite evidence but a Warfarin treatment was instituted; the results of such treatment were inconclusive.

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After Poisoning	Total		
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method					
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
-	-	-	-	-	32	32

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections. (including re-inspections)	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
BRITISH VESSELS ... 90	-	-	-
FOREIGN VESSELS ... 52	-	1	Numerous defects, some receiving atten- tion before vessel sailed for foreign port. Agents under- took to refer out- standing matters to vessel's owners.
TOTAL 142	-	1	-

SECTION XIV
PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS,
1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment:

Medical Officer of Health:
Deputy Medical Officer of Health:
Drs. C. P. K. Toland and P. H. Garrard:
Drs. D. W. J. Radcliffe, D. W. Hall and R. J. L. Davis:
Dr. T. J. Cobbe:
Drs. M. Koettlitz and A. K. Thomas:
Dr. E. Blake:

2. List of other staff engaged on this work:

Mrs. V. A. Craft..	Aliens Nurse
Miss E. Joy..	Relief Nurse
Miss A. E. Knott..	Relief Nurse
Mrs. C. L. Whitehorn...	Relief Nurse

3. Organisation of work:

No change.

4. Nature and amount of Aliens Traffic:

Number of aliens arriving at the port and dealt with by the Medical Inspector:-

Year:	Total Aliens:	Medically Examined:	Percentage of Total Medically Examined:
1957	273,577	8,501	3.11
1958	292,535	9,043	3.10
1959	312,403	9,179	2.94

Categories in which aliens were examined:-

1.	Holding Ministry of Labour Permits	8,019
2.	Intending to make their home in the United Kingdom	911
3.	Visitors	242
4.	Business Visitors	-
5.	Returning Residents	6
6.	Aliens in transit	1
7.	Others	-

9,179

The certificates issued to the Immigration Officer numbered 124, 23 of the aliens concerned being refused permission to land.

The rate of certificates issued in respect of aliens examined was 1.35% compared with 1.81% for the year 1958.

TABLE I

NATIONALITIES EXAMINED AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED

<u>Nationality:</u>	<u>Males:</u>	<u>Females:</u>	<u>Children:</u>	<u>Total:</u>	<u>No. of Certificates:</u>
French	54	113	2	169	7
German	269	3821	10	4100	31
Austrian	57	597	7	661	6
Swiss	41	172	-	213	1
Belgian	19	33	1	53	2
Dutch	7	45	-	52	-
Luxemburg	1	4	-	5	-
Norwegian	1	-	-	1	-
Italian	920	1006	41	1967	19
Swedish	-	14	-	14	-
Finnish	-	8	-	8	-
Danish	7	15	-	22	-
Spanish	311	1136	2	1449	9
Portuguese	10	13	-	23	3
Yugoslavian	24	136	11	171	2
Hungarian	7	15	1	23	-
Rumanian	2	4	-	6	-
Polish	3	7	3	13	3
Russian	-	1	-	1	-
Estonian	-	1	-	1	-
Persian	1	2	-	3	2
Armenian	-	1	-	1	-
Greek	34	102	2	138	15
Turkish	8	12	-	20	10
Lebanese	2	2	-	4	1
Iranian	9	3	1	13	7
Moroccan	-	1	-	1	1
Israeli	5	4	4	13	-
Chinese	1	2	-	3	-
Mexican	2	1	-	3	2
South American	1	4	-	5	-
North American	3	3	2	8	3
Stateless	5	10	-	15	-
	1804	7288	87	9179	124

TABLE 2 - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

	Total	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Certificates Issued			
			Unsound mind or mentally defec- tive (A)	Undesir- able for medical reasons (B) 1	Inability to support and/or likely to require medical treatment (B) 2	Conditionally landed for further medical exam- ination (C)
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	34,815	9,156	-	-	101	-
(b) Aliens refused per- mission to land by Immigration Officer	588	23	1	6	16	-
Total Aliens arriving	35,403	9,179	1	6	117	-

Number of Vessels attended by the Medical Inspector 1,430 (including 23 liners)

TABLE 3 - MONTHLY FIGURES OF ALIENS MEDICALLY EXAMINED.

Month:	Marine Station:	Ferry Dock:	Eastern Docks:	Total:	Certificates:
January	827	25	3	855	7
February	379	27	-	406	9
March	739	42	2	783	10
April	1307	22	6	1335	13
May	717	53	6	776	8
June	607	37	8	652	11
July	631	32	4	667	10
August	567	14	16	597	15
September	690	44	8	742	8
October	852	32	4	888	12
November	636	36	3	677	12
December	571	28	2	601	9
Total	8723	394	62	9179	124

5. Accommodation for medical inspection and examination:

No change.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

(Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died from infectious disease:)

No change.

SECTION XVII - FOOD INSPECTION

(1) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Regulations, 1925-1940.

979 Carcasses comprising 40,402 tons $4\frac{1}{2}$ hundredweights of various foodstuffs were examined during the year.

Article of Foodstuff:	Country of origin and weight (tons cwts) of foodstuffs inspected:									
	France:	Spain:	Italy:	Switzer-land:	Canary Islands:	North Africa:	Israel:	Turkey:	Crete:	
Preserved Fruit	6753 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fruit	209 19	12575 1	8247 10	9 10	807 1	765 17	1580 7	810 0	49 0	
Tinned Snails	6 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Biscuits	30 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	Belgium:	Greece:	
Cheese	42 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vegetables	8 12	3587 9	1009 11	-	1708 0	632 1	-	126 0	230 0	
Spices	-	35 6	10 11	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Chocolate	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nuts	19 16	39 12	74 6	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Frozen Prawns	4 5	-	4 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tomato Puree	-	-	37 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tomato Powder	3 8	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tomato Juice	9 12	-	10 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Preserves	26 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fete de Foie Gras	- 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jam	- 48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tinned Sausages	1 1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tinned Soup	- 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Frozen Fruit	2 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Truffles	- 5	-	-	-	-	-	Bulgaria:	413 17	Paraguay:	
Fish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	
Yeast	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	98 4	
Tinned Vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Corned Beef	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tinned Fruit	-	449 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Foodstuffs condemned during the year totalled 60 tons 11 cwts. 3 qtrs. 8 lbs., the highest amount since 1947; the total was principally accounted for by the condemnation of 53 tons of one cargo of potatoes comprising 230 tons from Greece. Individual items of unsound food dealt with were as follows:-

	<u>Tons:</u>	<u>cwts:</u>	<u>qtrs:</u>	<u>lbs:</u>
Grapes (Spain)...	-	2	3	0
Peaches (Turkey)...	5	9	0	0
Melons (Israel)...	-	3	0	0
Peaches (Italy)...	-	4	0	0
Tinned Fruit (Spain)...	-	14	3	8
Potatoes (Greece)	53	18	1	0
	60	11	3	8

2. Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937: Articles 11 and 12:

Oversea Meat and Meat Products:

No action was necessary during 1959.

3. Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist: 4

Dried Milk Powder: Satisfactory: (Consignment ultimately utilised for animal feeding purposes).

Tinned Apricots (sound): No bacterial growth.

Tinned Apricots (blown): No bacteria seen. Large numbers of yeast cells.

Tinned Peaches (sound): No bacterial growth.

(b) Analyst: 7.

Dried Milk Powder: Free from sulphite preservative. (As stated, consignment ultimately used for animal feeding purposes, imported food standards therefore rendered inapplicable).

Tinned Soup: Free from preservatives and toxic metals; can in satisfactory condition, free from corrosion and gas.

Tinned Lobster: Can satisfactory; contents free from toxic metals and preservatives.

Drained Cherries: Free from sulphite preservative, toxic metals and arsenic.

(Tinned Apricots: Samples free from toxic metals and arsenic. Fruit
(Tinned Peaches: in satisfactory condition and cans clean and free from corrosion.

Crystallised Fruit: Sample virtually free from sulphite preservative; free from arsenic and toxic metals.



